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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS DEFENSE PLAN: MBFR COMMITMENT

REF: USNATO 3687 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFTEL, WE QUERIED VAN DER VALK, MFA'S
NATO DIRECTOR, FOR CLARIFICATION OF GON'S INTENTIONS REGARDING
MILITARY PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS ENCOMPASSED IN THEIR NEW, REVISED
DEFENSE PLAN.

2. VAN DER VALK SAID THAT THE GON HAD COMMITTED ITSELF NOT TO
REDUCE ITS ARMY PERSONNEL PENDING OUTCOME OF MBFR NEGOTIATIONS.
WHILE THIS MEANT DUTCH AIR FORCE AND NAVY PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS
MAY TAKE PLACE, THEY SHOULD BE OF LITTLE OR NO CONCERN
TO THE ALLIES SINCE THEY ARE EXTREMELY MODEST IN TERMS OF NUMBERS.
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